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## March 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes

### OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2006**  
**First Floor Conference Room**  
**Senior Center**  
**5:00pm**

*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick*

*Staff in Attendance: Christine Connelly, Director of Public Health, Denise Boucher, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Department Secretary*

- I. The January 24, 2006 meeting minutes were postponed until all members could review.
- II. PRESENTATION: Brian Anderson, High Rock Church  
 Brian Anderson was unable to make tonight's meeting and will attend the next meeting on April 25, 2006.
- III. HEARING: Tobacco sales violation: Walgreen's Pharmacy, 1425 Mass Ave  
 Present at the meeting from Walgreen's: Pierre Panoyan, Pharmacy Manager and Dave Onanian, District Manager.  
 Denise Boucher reported that during a compliance check of all Arlington permitted tobacco vendors on Saturday, March 4, Walgreen's sold to a minor. The board unanimously voted a 7-day suspension of Walgreen's tobacco sales permit. The suspension will be in effect as of March 9. Denise will be at the store early on March 9<sup>th</sup> to verify that all tobacco products are off the shelves.
- IV. HEARING: Tobacco sales violation: CVS Pharmacy, 23-25 Mass Ave  
 Present at the meeting from CVS: Cesar Collazos, Manager.  
 On March 4, CVS sold tobacco to a minor. The board unanimously voted a 7-day suspension of CVS's tobacco sales permit.. Denise will be at the store early on March 9<sup>th</sup> to verify that all tobacco products are off the shelves.
- V. UPDATE: Restaurant changes  
 Ms. Boucher reported to the board of the five changes in restaurants in town. Christine Connolly stated that the staff will begin providing the board with regular updates of permit changes in the future.
- VI ANNOUNCEMENT: Human Service Department Re-organization  
 The Town Manager has appointed Christine Connolly as the new Director of Human Services replacing Patsy Kraemer who is retiring at the end of June. As of July 3, 2006, the Department of Human Services will officially become the Department of Health and Human Services. Christine Connolly will remain in the Board of Health office but as the new director of Health and Human Services, will oversee the Council on Aging, Veterans' Services and Youth Consultation Center. Leon Cantor will be named Director of Youth Consultation at the Robbins House.

## VII PROPOSAL: Establish Massage Therapy Advisory Board

Connolly reported that every month new applications are received from massage therapist applicants and some of the materials submitted are “questionable.” Connolly stated that it would be helpful to have an advisory board made up of established therapists to assist with questionable applications as well as reviewing regulations. A motion was made and seconded by the Board, and the proposal was accepted.

## VIII UPDATE: Avian Flu Table-top exercise

Connolly reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee is conducting a table-top exercise on Wednesday, March 29 from 9:15am to 11:30am to bring together the Arlington community (Fire, Police, EMT's, etc.) and sit down at a table and go through an avian flu scenarios. The exercise will be facilitated by a representative from the Cambridge Public Health Department.

## IX UPDATE: Grant Awarded

Denise's research for grants paid off for the department, she applied for and BOH was awarded a grant from CHNA to fund programs to promote healthy eating, etc. The grant focuses on the Thompson School that has a high percentage of children enrolled in the free or reduced price lunch program. The program will be run in two sessions (small cooking classes) teaching children how to prepare small healthy snacks or meals. Each child will actually receive a package of ingredients to take home to show family members how to prepare the food and share eating healthier food together. The program is geared for children in grades 3 through 5.

Adjournment.